



FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL . . . Arranging a crafts display which will be one of the main features at the 'All Fool's Day' carnival-bazaar to be staged by Girl Scout Troop No. 1368 are, left to right, Carol Hamilton, Virginia Mitchell, Janet

Ruckle, chairman; and Carolyn Peterson. The event, with "Friendship Festival" as the theme, will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the home of the troop leader, Mrs. Earl Brest, 3207 W. 186th St.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SET BY METHODISTS

A sacrificial luncheon and program at the church next Tuesday, 12 noon, will highlight Holy Week for members of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church. Mrs. John L. Taylor, wife of the church pastor, is in charge of the program.

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IT'S NO FOOLING!

Girl Scout Friendship Festival To Feature 'All Fool's Day' Here

An event unique among Girl Scouts in Los Angeles Council is the "Friendship Festival" which Troop No. 1368, sponsored by Crenshaw Elementary PTA, will stage at the 3207 W. 186th St. home of their leader, Mrs. Earl Brest, next Wednesday, Apr. 1.

The carnival-bazaar affair, to be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., also is the first fund-raising project to be attempted by the troop.

As a novelty in the cooked food booth, the girls will sell each dish complete with the recipe followed for its preparation. Susan Hayes, assisted by Carolyn Vaughn and Geraldine Richards, is in charge of arrangements.

Other booth attractions during the day will be a crafts display, a rummage sale, and a fish pond.

Janet Ruckle, assisted by Virginia Mitchell, Carol Hamilton, and Carolyn Peterson, heads the crafts booth, while Donna Sayre, chairman of the rummage booth, will be assisted by Jo Anne



HONEYMOON DUO . . . Now honeymooning enroute to Portland, Ore., where the groom will complete his studies at Western States College, are the new Dr. and Mrs. Roy Noble Galli. The pair is pictured here following wedding ceremonies last Sunday at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Inglewood.

Danish Gal, Indian Lad Tell Y-Teens Of Life in Their Lands

A native son of India and a native daughter of Denmark who are now studying at Pepperdine College gave Continental and Debonair a glimpse of life in their respective countries last Wednesday night when the Y-teen clubs held a joint dinner at the YWCA.

Tables, decorated with an Easter motif, featured pastel styrofoam bunnies and pastel wax baskets holding white posies, were arranged by Miss Madeline Maddock, who also served as mistress of ceremonies.

Prior to the talks by the foreign students, Miss Jane Moffat led the group in community singing, and Miss Alda Clarkson presented a vocal solo. Miss Shirley York was in charge of the program.

City WCTU Leaders Attend State Meet at Long Beach

"Let Us Rise Up and Build for Total Abstinence" was the theme Tuesday when two representatives of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union joined members of Long Beach unions at a state institute in the YWCA auditorium at Long Beach.

Mrs. Adean Miller, president, and Mrs. Grace Hooper were the local delegates to the meeting, presided over by the state WCTU president, Mrs. Ruth Gates Miller of South Pasadena.

The women were elected by the Torrance union at last week's Friday session, held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. A talk by Mrs. Edith Cocks, president of the Long Beach Federation, also highlighted the meet.

Mrs. Cocks urged all members to write to state senators asking them to support the "Bible in the Schools" bill, which would permit the reading of the Bible in public schools, and the bill which would outlaw poker in California.

Mrs. Agnes Foster read a letter from Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, which commended the WCTU on securing H. B. Hall, executive director of the Narcotics Education Foundation of America, as a speaker. Hall recently spoke to the student body of Torrance High School, and also to a group of city teachers.

Gifts of money were received from the women's organizations of the First Baptist, First Methodist, El Nido Baptist, and Seventh Day Adventist churches

at 14 and 15 years of age. Danish girls don't date until they are 18 or 19, and usually don't marry until they are from 24 to 30.

"I don't know if it's good or not," she laughed. A typical date is a walk through the park, the Danish girl said, because there are few cars in her country. On Saturdays and Sundays, the young couples often go bicycle riding to the beach.

"We don't have as many clubs in our country as you do here," Birthe said, so most of our parties are sponsored by individuals.

Denmark does have an active Girl Scout program, however, the speaker revealed, and their activities are much the same as those of American troops.

"Our schools, too, are comparable to American schools," she said. "We have schools at both the high school and university level and study much the same subjects. We are all required to study both English and German, and when we have mastered these we may go on to some other language."

A note of seriousness crept in to her voice as she told the story of German occupation during the war. But in spite of the bad time her country suffered then, she holds no bitterness against the German people.

"We must not believe that all Germans are bad," she said. "They had just been educated to war and brutality, and can be educated to peace and friendship."

LIKE AMERICANS "We are very grateful for American help," Birthe said, and we try to be as much like Americans as possible. You have so many things that we don't have, such as television. But I'm not sure I want that for my country—it takes too much time!"

She thinks her countrywomen could use the modern mechanical miracles which make the housewives' work easier, however.

"If I could take something home with me," she said, "it would be a washing machine!"

Classmates Join Watson On Birthday

Nearly 30 classmates of James Watson gathered at his home, 1225 Cota Ave. Saturday evening of last week to help him celebrate his 14th birthday.

The teeners, all eighth-grade students at Nativity School, played games in rooms bedecked with balloons and enjoyed refreshments of ice cream, cake, and Cokes.

The two birthday confetti, decorated in yellow and black and red, white and blue, respectively, made colorful centerpieces for the dining table. James' mother, Mrs. Doris Watson, arranged the party for her son. Assisting her were Mrs. Margaret Pullman, the maternal grandmother; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Malone; and Axel Boertz.

James' paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Watson of Arcadia, who made their home on Andree Ave. here for 36 years.

Well-Traveled Walkers Globe-Trotting Again

Now on the first leg of a three-month jaunt across the Pacific are Blaine Walker, former executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and his wife, who make their home in Balboa Beach.

The Walkers, who have made a habit of globe-trotting, left for Manila by boat from Terminal Island last Tuesday. Other main stops on their itinerary will be Hong Kong and Singapore.

They also will visit several ports in the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia, including Davao, Debu, Ft. Swettenham, Penang, Djakarta, and Surabaya.

Previous tours have taken the Walkers to Egypt, Italy, Turkey, Greece, and other countries all over the world. They expect to return from the latest journey about June 16.

Millions Are Starving, Says Indian Student

"Here in America," Sunath Kumar, a native of Magras, India, told Y-teens, "parents are afraid their sons will be drafted, go to war and perhaps die in Korea."

"But in my country, every day millions of parents have to watch their baby sons dying before their eyes of starvation."

PLAN CULTEVATION That is why our primary interest now is in cultivating land to raise food for our starving millions, the Indian lad explained. "We need food before bullets and must buy farm implements before war machinery, so we must remain neutral in the current struggle against Communism," he said.

"But I am very proud that although India is surrounded by Communist nations, it is not a Communist nation."

Sunath has been in the United States for the past two and a half years and is now a husband in administration major at Pepperdine College. He began his studies at Hanover College in Indiana, because this was the first school to answer his application for admission and he "just couldn't wait."

However, he came to California during summer vacation and liked the climate so well that he decided to stay.

SCHOOLS DIFFER The Indian school system, patterned after the British, is very different from the American educational method, Sunath told the Y-teens. "We have three levels, or standards. One through five is the lower or elementary standard, six and seven constitute the middle or junior high level, and 8 and 9 are comparable to the first two years of high school," he said.

Discipline is much more strict, and the curriculum follows a set pattern, with students being allowed only one elective each year. However, there is more individual participation through class discussion than there is here.

"I was very shy with girls when I first came here," Sunath said, "because the typical boy-girl relationships that you have here are unknown in my country. Parents disapprove of any contact with the opposite sex until marriage."

MARRIAGES ARRANGED Marriages, he reveals, are always arranged by parents. Preliminary arrangements are made by the mothers and fathers, then a family conference is held with the bride-to-be, decked out in the ancestral jewels, and the future groom in attendance. The two give each other the "once over" and ask a few ques-

EATING IS PUZZLE FOR DANISH GAL

"The hardest thing for me to get used to when I came to this country half a year ago was eating with a fork," Miss Birthe Sondergaard, who makes her home in Aarhus, the next largest city in Denmark, told the Y-teens.

"In my country," she said, "it is proper to carry food to the mouth with both knife and fork."

CAME TO VISIT Birthe came to the United States to visit her aunt, Mrs. M. B. Abbott, at Catalina Island. The Rotary Club there offered to sponsor her as a student at Pepperdine College, and she began her studies there in February. Business, with an emphasis on banking, is her curriculum.

Unlike the American custom under which girls begin dating during the brief time the parents leave them alone. When the parents return, the boy and his mother and father leave to discuss the boy's reaction to the girl chosen for him. If he likes the girl, the family comes the next day and brings bedel leaf instead of an engagement ring to seal the contract.

If the boy likes the girl, but she doesn't like him—she hasn't much choice, if he is considered a "good catch." Her parents will say, "That's too bad, you better marry him." She can refuse, of course, but her parents won't speak to her for several weeks, and in the end she will have to marry someone of her parents' choice, someone whom she may like even less.

JOINT FAMILIES The Indians follow a joint family system, Sunath revealed, and the groom's parents are very insulted if he doesn't bring his bride home to live. If he doesn't get along with his wife, he's out of luck, because there are no legal divorces in India.

Only the maharajahs are allowed to have harems, the speaker said. The wealthiest one in India has 109 wives and nearly 90 children, all of whom live in his 777-room palace.

Sunath also told of the strict religious caste system, and of the problem of the "untouchables" who are ostracized almost completely from society. Much progress is being made; however, he said, as a member of that caste now is a member of the Central Cabinet, which is comparable to the U. S. Senate.

Although shy with girls at first, Sunath is now very much accustomed to the American date pattern and likes the American girl, although, he thinks, she is apt to be a bit boisterous. When he returns to India in August, he would like to take a blonde home!

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INTERNATIONAL NOTE . . . Miss Berthe Sondergaard, a native of Aarhus, Denmark, seated, gets a preview of her position on the evening's program which followed a Y-teen dinner at the YWCA Wednesday. Looking over her shoulders are, left to right, Jane Quinlivan, president of Continentals; Shirley York, program chairman; and Sunath Kumar, native of Madras, India. Miss Sondergaard and Kumar, both students at Pepperdine College, told stories of their respective countries during the evening.

SLATE MEETING

Mrs. Opal Andrews of Gardena, president, will conduct the first April session of Torrance Memorial Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, to be held Wednesday, April 1, 2 p. m., at the local American Legion Hall.

Sorority Holds Slumber Party

A slumber party at the home of Juandell Muncy, 2765 Gramercy Ave., ushered in the Easter vacation period for members of Rho Delta Psi, Harbor Junior College sorority.

Prior to the Friday event, which featured a waffle breakfast, the members attended the regular weekly Recreation Night program at the college.

Sorority sisters taking part in the dual activity included Anne Goebel, Audrey Hoernor, Joan Barnes, Dorothy Merriam, Muncy, Norma Hamlin, M. L. Odama, Margaret Ruiz, Marie Ursch, Martha Sullivan, Janis Roach, Beverly Durbin, Carole Parr, Dorothy O'Brien, Liece Kramer, and Ann Cekalovich

VIOLET SHADES COMBINE FOR UNUSUAL TOUCH AT POTRATZ, GALLI RITES

Shades of wood-violet nylon tulle and pale orchid taffeta gave an unusual touch to the bridal entourage of the former Miss Marcene Lillian Potratz, who became the bride of Dr. Roy Noble Galli last Sunday at ceremonies in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Inglewood.

Maid of Honor Miss Norma Potratz, a cousin of the bride from Rochester, Minn., set the color scheme in a gown fashioned with a tight-fitting bodice and bouffant skirt of wood-violet nylon tulle over taffeta. The bodice, scalloped at the bust line, showed tiny folds of pale orchid tulle.

The three bridesmaids wore identical gowns of the same color in a deeper tone. They were Mrs. Gerald Robbins, sister of the groom, of Torrance; and Misses Theda Robinson of Inglewood and Mabel Riedel of Minneapolis, Minn.

Each of the attendants carried a cascade bouquet of baby Vanda orchids.

The pale-orchid gowns of the flower girls also were styled like the maid of honor's costume. Both accessories of the groom, they were Ann Colburn of Torrance and Kathleen Freudenberg of Parkers Prairie, Minn.

Miss Potratz' gown was of French Chantilly lace and nylon tulle, side-blown with a lace scalloped overskirt. The lace bodice extended into a front-lace panel and a wide train. Her fingertip illusion veil was held in place by a cloche of matching lace embroidered with pearls and sequins, and she carried a

white Bible centered with a white orchid from which cascaded white stephanotis and matching satin streamers.

Ed Colburn of Torrance served as his brother's best man, while Edward Robbins, a nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

Prior to the 4 p. m. rites, Miss Lo Ann Bruscek of Minneapolis, Minn., sang "O Perfect Love" and "God Give Me to You." While the bride and groom knelt at an altar blanked with bouquets of white gladiolus and lavender stock, William Kamrath of Manhattan Beach sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Both soloists were accompanied by Milton Eggers at the organ. Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. E. W. Dieker.

Arthur Svensk of Torrance; Gerald Robbins, brother-in-law of the groom, of Torrance; and Richard Werner of Pacific Palisades ushered guests into pews decorated with white candles tied with bouquets of sweet peas and white ribbon.

Immediately after the ceremony, 300 guests congregated at a reception in the parish hall. Highlighting the decor at the affair was a wedding cake in the shape of four bells.

Citizenship Award Goes To THS Gal

Cited for American citizenship this week, was Miss Rosa Garcia, senior student at Torrance High School.

Miss Garcia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius C. Garcia, 507 Maple Ave., won the award for high score in a test on American government and history sponsored each year by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The senior student was selected by the faculty to participate in the competition.

Miss Garcia will receive the gold pin from the DAR at Apr. 14 ceremonies at the Long Beach LaFayette Hotel. She is president of Mambolocas and the Rally Club, and also is a member of GAA and the Girls Court.

Later in the evening, members of both families feted the bride and groom at a dinner at La Venta Inn in Palos Verdes. The new couple then left on a two-week honeymoon up the Pacific coast to Portland, Ore.

They will make their home in that city during the coming year, while the groom completes his studies at Western States College.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Potratz, formerly of Inglewood, who now make their home at 205 Paseo de las Delicias, Hollywood Riviera. She is a graduate of Inglewood High School and the Lawton School of Medical Assistants in Beverly Hills.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Galli, 2666 W. Carson St., the groom is a graduate of Torrance High School. He served with the Army Medical Corp. in Alaska for three years and is a graduate of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic.